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United Labor Quits 'Advisory' Posts to Warn the Public of 'Great Wrongs' Being Done to Them



TELL TRUMAN OF CRISIS—Leaders of the United Labor Policy Committee, speaking for 15 million workers, call at White House to tell Pres. Truman of crisis brought on by Chas. Wilson's failures to deal properly with wages, prices, taxes, manpower, small business and labor participation. L. to r., AFL Pres. Green, CIO Vice-Pres. Rieve, Machinists Pres. Hayes, and Rail Labor Execs. Pres. Geo. Leighty.

Big Biz Wilson Is In Prime Spot To Break U.S. Unions

Charles (GE, T-H) Wilson, big business buddy of President Truman, has grabbed full power over the nation's labor supply and is in a position to weaken or break our labor unions, much as did Hitler and Mussolini.

This is the charge voiced by the AFL Building Trades Department in its monthly Bulletin.

The Bulletin says Wilson's manpower grab is "one of the most serious setbacks which labor has had so far" and if this leads to national service legislation "it will spell the end of our free trade union movement."

General Electric, of which Wilson was president, has one of the worst union-busting records of all big companies and was a leader in getting the Taft-Hartley slave labor law on the books, the Bulletin says.

"The United Labor Policy Committee had asked both Mr. Wilson and President Truman to assign responsibility for manpower to the Secretary of Labor. Their request was ignored, and Arthur S. Flemming, president of Ohio Wesleyan University, has been appointed as head of the Manpower Policy Committee, directly responsible to Mr. Wilson.

PLAIN STEAL

"This is the top policy-making body on manpower, and leaves the only function of the Department of Labor, with regard to manpower, the job of putting into effect the policies which are determined by the committee—which in effect means Mr. Wilson.

"It is reported that Mr. Wilson wants immediate introduction of mandatory controls over labor. Under existing legislation it is not possible for the government to impose compulsory controls on the civilian population through fines and imprisonment. But if Mr. Wilson wants, and gets, national service legislation to permit the government to exercise this control, it will spell the end of our free trade union movement. Organized labor must be on guard as never before.

"One of the first things which the dictators of our times, Hitler and Mussolini, had to do was to destroy the free trade union movements in their countries. The right to organize in free trade unions had been one of those we believed guaranteed by our democratic system of government, and one of the essential rights which we believed the

defense effort was set up to protect."

WILL USE T-H

The Building Trades monthly publication said also that "those who sponsored the Defense Production Act of 1950, and who are now administering that act, made very sure that the Taft-Hartley Act would not be weakened in any way, or its effects on labor made less onerous." It criticized Mr. Wilson:

"Top man in the defense set-up is Charles E. Wilson, formerly president of General Electric. He has been given greater powers than any single man has had before. Every labor man who has had any experience with General Electric knows all too well that it has never wholeheartedly accepted organized labor, and there is no reason to believe that Mr. Wilson represents any other point of view than that of the company he headed.

"In the past few years General Electric has spent enormous sums of money on literature intended to undermine the confidence of workers in their unions. That literature has flooded into the homes of the employees of General Electric, and of other workers.

"Any doubts as to the attitude of General Electric toward organized labor are cleared up by its attitude toward labor on Atomic Energy Commission installations which it operates, such as Hanford. It, like Union Carbide and Carbon, made it clear to the Atomic Energy Commission when it took contracts for operation of the installations that it would brook no interference on the part of the commission in its labor relations.

"General Electric was influential in the drafting of the Taft-Hartley Act. During the months after the 1948 election, when the repeal of the act was a hot issue in Congress, General Electric hired Gerard Reilly, one of the men who wrote the act, as a lobbyist, and paid him many thousands of dollars for his activities in helping to defeat the repeal. Mr. Reilly, in turn, employed ex-Senator Ball to work with him against repeal."

Salinas CLC Fights Rent De-control

Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas joined with other labor groups at last Monday night's meeting of the City Council at Salinas to protest the proposed de-control of rents, Sec. A. J. Clark reported.

Clark said the council has submitted resolution to the City Council and the County Supervisors opposing the suggested de-control and added that the Labor Council had appointed a special committee to hear the de-control fight.

On the committee are Peter Greco (Painters 1104), Robert Shinn (Butchers 506), Karl Ozols (Electricians 243), Harvey Baldwin (Carpenters 925) and Secretary Clerk.

Business at the Feb. 23 council meeting included:

Seating of Carmen Kenyon, wife of former Council Sec. William G. "Bud" Kenyon, as new delegate from Butchers Union 506.

Report that R. A. Christiansen, business agent of Operating Engineers Union 39, is recovering from a serious illness.

Report that Sam Gallegos, former president of National Farm Labor Union 296 of Salinas, is now working as an inspector on the County Housing Authority project at Soledad.

Silent tribute to Ray Luna, former president of Carpenters Union 925, who passed away suddenly.

Baldwin Called To Another Meet On Carp. Pact

Harvey Baldwin, president of the Monterey Bay Area District Council of Carpenters and also representative for Salinas Carpenters Union 925, has been called to another meeting on Thursday and Friday of this week in regard to a new contract for carpenters.

Baldwin is official negotiations representative for the district council, including locals in Monterey, Watsonville, Salinas, Santa Cruz and King City, in efforts to gain a wage increase for carpenters.

Local 483 Seats Sec. Hallmark Wednes. Night

Newly-elected Secretary-Treasurer-Business Agent Roy Hallmark of Monterey's Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Union 483 will be installed in his new office at the meeting of the union on Wednesday night of this week.

Hallmark was elected without opposition last month to succeed George L. Rice, who had held the post four terms prior to his resignation last November. Rice, seriously ill with influenza last week, said he will take a trip and a long rest, but added that his other plans for the future were not to be divulged at this time.

'We Want to Improve Defense, Not Impair It'

(AFL Release)

Washington—The United Labor Policy Committee voted unanimously to withdraw all representatives of 15 million workers from the defense mobilization agencies.

"We fully realize the gravity of this decision," the committee said. "In no other way can we effectively impress upon the American people the great wrongs being perpetrated against them.

"Two weeks ago the United Labor Policy Committee voiced alarm over the crisis in our defense program. The crisis has not lessened; it has become more acute.

"The road is greased for higher prices.

"The present wage formula will act like a vise on the aspirations of Americans for decent living standards and equality of sacrifice in the defense effort.

"Rents are climbing steadily upwards while effective rent control legislation lags in Congress.

"An unbalanced tax program, which would place its heaviest burdens on the lower income groups, is in the process of enactment.

"Nowhere in the defense mobilization program is there evidence of enlightened and militant leadership to meet these problems, act upon them, and help the country develop the strength necessary to meet the threat of communist aggression.

"We of the United Labor Policy Committee have voiced these criticisms not to impair our defense program, but to improve it. We seek, actively and earnestly, an effective mobilization program which is imperatively required for the defense of our free institutions and of our great democratic traditions.

"We shall continue, with all the strength and persuasion at our command, to work toward our goal: the preservation of human liberty throughout the democratic world. We believe that in that American effort the aims and aspirations of free labor—which has never faltered in its opposition to communist aggression—can play a major, constructive part."

Point by point, the committee listed the failures of the administration, Congress and Defense Mobilization Czar Charles E. Wilson to deal with this crisis facing all Americans. In brief, they are:

WAGES—The Director of Economic Stabilization has signed a wage order which we know to be unfair, unworkable and unjust. Wages and salaries of all Americans are now bound under the most rigid controls in the history of our country. We are prepared to participate in a reconstituted tripartite wage stabilization and disputes board which would administer a fair and equitable wage policy.

PRICES—While wages and salaries are being brought under strict control the price freeze has been revoked. At a time when fixed formulas are being applied to wages, business is being allowed to write its own ceiling prices. Wages are frozen. Nothing else in the economy has been frozen.

MANPOWER—So long as the control of manpower rests in the Office of Defense Mobilization, no American wage or salary earner may feel safe that the big business clique in control of that agency may not suddenly seek to achieve

a compulsory draft of the nation's workers.

LABOR PARTICIPATION AT ODM—To give voice to the needs of the public, including all workers—on whom our defense production depends—we have asked Mr. Wilson for an opportunity for labor to participate at the top policy level of ODM. Mr. Wilson has made it clear by his actions that he wants no such broadening of the ODM structure. His belated offer to appoint a man from labor on his staff is meaningless.

Ex-President Of Carpenters In Salinas Dies

Ray Luna, president for two terms of Carpenters Union 925 at Salinas and well known throughout the Salinas area, dropped dead last week while working as inspector on the Bardin School, union officials report.

Bro. Luna's death was attributed to a heart condition. He was 55 years of age, according to Union Business Agent Harvey Baldwin.

His wife, Mrs. Lupe Luna, was formerly active in the Carpenters Union Ladies Auxiliary at Salinas. Survivors also include two daughters and a son. The family residence was at 1214 Second Ave., Salinas.

Bro. Luna had been initiated into Local 925 in the year 1925. He became increasingly active in union affairs and held the presidency in the late 1940s for two consecutive years. He had previously held other lesser offices.

WEATHER HITS BUILDING WORK

Last week's snow, sleet and rain caused a cutback in construction activity in the Salinas area, with some unemployment resulting, according to Business Agent J. B. McGinley of Laborers Union 272.

McGinley said no new work was started and explained confusion surrounding reports a week ago on varied projects.

Bridges Construction Co. of San Jose has contract for remodeling the old Hollister Hotel building in Hollister into a store building, expected to be occupied by J. C. Penny Co. This firm is also constructing additions to the Hollister Hospital.

Granite Construction Co. of Watsonville is pouring concrete on the E. A. Hathaway project, a cafeteria and school additions in the Hollister area.

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Four Labor Papers Reject Awards of Reactionary Group

Valley Forge, Pa. (LPA)—Four labor publications have rejected prizes awarded them in the second annual awards made by the anti-labor Freedoms Foundation on Washington's birthday.

They are: The American Federationist, official AFL publication; "Light" edition of the CIO News, published monthly by the CIO Utility Workers' Journal, monthly of the AFL Electrical Workers; and Machinists' Monthly Journal, of the AFL Machinists.

The awards were made "for outstanding defense and extension of the American way of life." But Freedoms Foundation's version of the "American way of life" is anti-union, anti-labor, anti-liberal, anti-democratic and is the line peddled by the National Association of Manufacturers, the US Chamber of Commerce, and groups like the Committee for Constitutional Government.

A glance at the sponsors of the organization quickly shows why labor groups have been loath to accept its awards. E. F. Hutton, "angel" of the outfit is

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(LLPE Release)

No wonder labor thinks it deserves a better break from the Wage Stabilization Board (WSB). On Feb. 15, the WSB decided to freeze wages at 10 per cent above those of Jan. 15, 1950—in the first quarter of last year.

Big Boys in Govt. Keep Connections

(LLPE Release)

You hear a lot of nonsense like this:

When a big businessman takes a government job, he forgets all about his past connections and acts only in the national interest. But when a trade unionist accepts a Federal position, he works only in the interests of organized labor.

That silly stuff is peddled by the reactionary daily papers and radio commentators.

You're told big business has a monopoly on patriotism because the newspapers and the radio commentators know big business has gobbled up all the important defense jobs in the government.

Organized labor has been ignored. That's the way the fat boys like it.

Many of the big businessmen who have taken over the defense effort merely are on leave from their companies. Those who have resigned their positions in industry still hold plenty of stock in big business. And the corporation lawyers now in the Government keep a finger in their law firms.

A big businessman is interested in big business first, last and always. The whole defense program shows that to be true.

The views of organized labor are tossed in the wastebasket. Farmers have no voice in policy-making. Small business is being squeezed almost to death.

If anyone knows how to fight communism, it's organized labor. Yet trade unionists are being ignored as big business takes over.

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CAMBIANO IS RENAMED BY CARPENTERS

Joseph F. Cambiano, San Mateo, was unanimously re-elected to his 24th term as president of the California State Council of Carpenters, which concluded its 23rd annual three-day convention in Sacramento on Feb. 25.

During the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1950, corporations made 60 per cent more profits, AFTER TAXES, than they did in the first quarter of last year.

And dividend payments shot up 70 per cent!

The President's Council of Economic Advisers' "Economic Indicators" for February 1951 shows this. It reports corporate profits for the October-November-December period of 1950 amounted to a yearly rate of \$26.7 billion.

Corporate earnings for the January - February - March period of 1950 totaled only \$16 billion at the annual rate.

Those figures are after all taxes had been paid. And the excess profits tax was in effect during the lush fourth quarter but not during the first quarter.

SIXTY per cent extra for corporation, SEVENTY per cent extra for stockholders, and only TEN per cent for workers.

Is that fair?

Seaside Market Signs Contract With Butchers

After several weeks of picketing and several court actions in which the union emerged victorious, the Seaside Market located near Monterey has been signed to a contract by Butchers Union 506.

Executive Secretary Earl A. Moorhead of Local 506 signed the contract with Robert W. Norton, representative of the Monterey Peninsula Meat Dealers Assn., in Norton's offices. Operator of the Seaside Market is James Wilson.

The picket of Local 506 was removed from the market as soon as the contract was signed and he has been given employment by a San Jose meat firm as result of action by union Business Agent E. L. Courtright, it was reported.

Paper Tells Why Labor Dissatisfied

An article in the Feb. 14 Christian Science Monitor tells why organized labor is dissatisfied with the way the defense program is being operated:

"The men around Mr. Wilson (Mobilization Director Charles E. Wilson, former president of General Electric Co.) are chiefly other industrialists. At the top level in Washington the new group are mostly Republicans serving the nation in time of peril . . .

"The trade unionists' view is much the same as the bankers' would be if they saw top mobilization jobs in Washington filled by a team from organized labor. Trade unionists have no personal loyalty to hard-riding Charles E. Wilson."

Folsom had its Boy Scouts cover the community of 1,800 with questionnaires and enlisted 650 citizens—one person for every two adults. Folsom is recruiting block mothers to look after the children in addition to wardens, carpenters, firemen, etc.

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EDITORIALS

Why Labor Objects

Labor objects to any ten per cent being the limit that wages may be increased for reasons that are very pointed and definite. Since it is being definitely attempted to freeze all wage increases at not over ten per cent of the wages that were in force in January, 1950, the natural and logical move for any sensible person is to compare such an increase with the prices that were then and are now.

Such a comparison reveals the unpleasant fact that while it is proposed to freeze all pay raises at a maximum of ten per cent, since the beginning of 1950, that prices themselves, during this same period, as far back as last December, had already by that time gone up so fantastically high that our biggest corporations in the majority of cases were netting a net average increase in profits, since the first quarter of 1950, of a cool 30 per cent. In December profit increase was 60 per cent.

Add to this the very substantial further increases in profits of these big profiteers since December and the still further increases for which the door has been thrown wide open for upping prices still more in the future and it should not be too difficult for even outsiders to understand why labor objects so strenuously to such a deal. These two setups, when compared with one another, reveal such gross injustice in their very essence, that all that is necessary to grasp the enormity of the injustice is to look the present wage situation and price situation square in the face. How could labor help objecting?

Laying Down the Law

There are people in authority who seem to take an insane delight in laying down the law to the rest of us. Especially during war-time, do these types come to the surface to assert themselves and display their bent for bossing other people around. Theoretically there is supposed to be a legal foundation for everything they do, yet when such people are placed in authority they almost invariably carry on as if they imagined they actually were the law. What they say and think should settle it, as far as they are concerned, so they keep going right ahead making a lot of law of their own by endless interpretations that suit their whims and satisfy their desire to run things.

Yet back of all this our government is supposed to be a democracy, where the actual will of the people, as expressed by the majority, should be the real foundation of our laws. It is our own people who should determine what our law is to be, instead of rulings by persons placed in positions of authority. Too often people who occupy such positions lean so strongly towards being dictators that they make rules of their own instead of being governed by laws that exist. Many special laws have been enacted by wire pulling and sometimes corruption to facilitate the leanings of such dictators who could not otherwise make their rules work.

Thus the eternal struggle between dictatorship and democracy is ever raging within every government on the face of the earth.

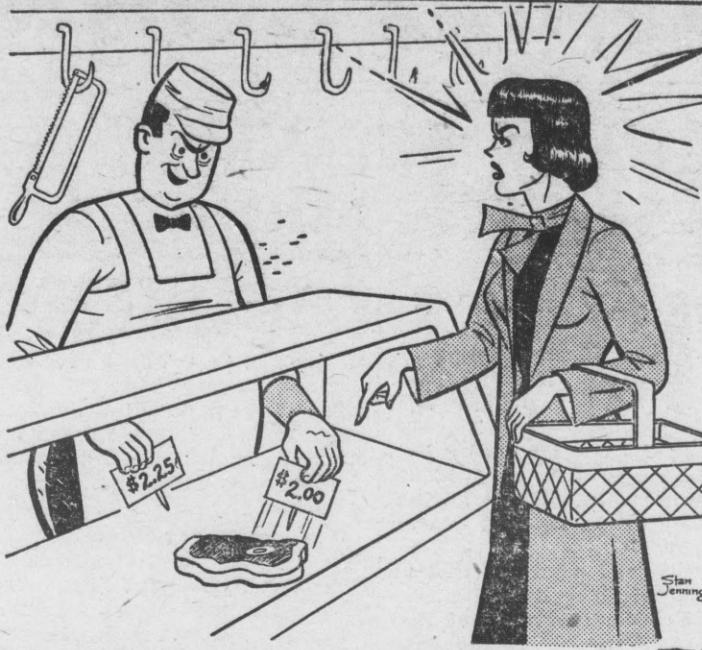
Inflation Nonsense

Because somebody, who poses as an authority, says something, that does not mean that what is said is either true or sensible. One of the most ridiculous ideas being dinned into the ears of the American people at the present time is the claim that the sure cure for inflation is to pile on more and more taxes until this terrible economic and financial disorder is completely cured.

If there were any truth in this claim then it would also follow that if prices of food and everything else were raised high enough that would all help to eliminate any inflation we might be suffering under. Instead of this happening, however, it is exactly the opposite that takes place. Inflation is soaring of prices so that they become ever higher. Piling on more taxes is simply increasing the price or cost of taxation and that, instead of eliminating or relieving the evils of inflation, is just another way of aggravating this evil and making it worse, for the simple reason that such an absurd remedy is further cheapening our money by requiring more dollars to pay our taxes. That is what inflation is.

When taxes go up the only out the average citizen has to be able to meet such increased expense is to get more wages or higher prices for something to meet this added expense. Consequently all tax increases cause more upping of wages and more raises in prices and any inflation that may be on simply becomes worse and more widespread. Increasing taxes simply increases inflation and makes that awful disease more acute.

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JOKES, Etc.

The husband and wife were having breakfast, the former encased behind his newspaper.

"You had a very restless night, dear," said his wife, "and what's more, you kept murmuring a woman's name in your sleep. Now, who is Daisy?"

"Oh-er," he stammered, "the fact is, my dear, Daisy is a filly I backed yesterday. It won, ten to one, and here is your share." He handed his wife \$5 and hid himself once more behind his newspaper.

In the evening, when he returned to dinner, his wife once more returned to the attack.

"By the way, dear," she said, "you know that horse you backed yesterday?"

"Yes," he grunted.

"Well, she rang you up on the phone this afternoon."

Ted: "There was a tremendous crowd out to watch the parade today, and only one policeman to keep order. At one point it looked as though he might be overpowered."

Ned: "How did he manage to hold his own?"

Ted: "He waited until he got pushed to the wall, and then took off his hat and asked for contributions to the policemen's ball. You should have seen the crowd disappear."

At the supper table one night on the farm, the hired man was telling about a breeder who was developing a strain of sheep for speed. "He tells me," the hired man said, "that he's got lambs now that can run 40 miles an hour."

"But why does he want lambs that can run 40 miles an hour?" he was asked.

"To keep up with Mary," he replied.

A junior high school English teacher was telling his class that all newspaper stories have four fundamental beginnings: the Diet, royalty, sex, or mystery. He asked the students to pick one of these and write a short item of interest.

One bright young thing wrote busily for a few minutes, then put down her pencil.

When the teacher asked, the girl informed him that she had picked all four of the "beginnings" and had completed her story. Whereupon the teacher read: "My God, said the Queen, I'm pregnant! Who done it?"

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Mrs. Flanagan: "Was your husband in comfortable circumstances when he died?"

Mrs. Murphy: "No; he was half-way under a train."

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He was in deep disgrace, and, try as he would, he could not get a smile out of his wife at breakfast.

"Are you cross with me because I came home with a black eye last night?" he asked in desperation.

"No," replied his wife, tersely. "You hadn't got it when you came home."

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Woman Customer (in bank): "I would like to make a loan."

Bank Official: "You'll have to see the loan arranger."

Woman: "Who?"

Official: "The loan arranger, the loan arranger."

Woman: "Oh, you mean the one who says, 'Hi-ho, Silver'?"

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Lies buried here one William Bold. Departed from this life, Because he went out in the cold Attired like his wife.

Big Boys Still Say Soak Poor

The U. S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Assn. of Manufacturers continue their campaign for a federal sales tax.

The Chamber of Commerce and the NOM want to shift the fair share of the tax burden of big business onto your shoulders. Here are recent developments in the soak-the-poor drive:

1. The Chamber of Commerce thinks 60 per cent of the \$10 billion increase in taxes asked by Pres. Truman should come from excise taxes (federal sales taxes). Thirty per cent should come from personal income levies and only ten per cent from taxes on big business, it says. You see how the C. of C. tax ideas would make life easier for big business and tougher for you.

2. Speaking in Des Moines Feb. 16, NAM Pres. William Ruffin declared a consumption tax (federal sales tax) is "the key to any sound system of pay-as-we-go taxation."

In Placerville steps toward building up a warden service, activating an aircraft observer post and compiling a county wide file of volunteer manpower are progressing rapidly.

Bldg. Trades Wage Rates

Union wage scales of seven major building trades crafts in 85 cities as of Jan. 2 have been released by the U. S. Dept. of Labor division of wage statistics.

Following are the rates shown for 17 cities in the western states. The seven trades shown are the bricklayers, carpenters, electricians, painters, plasterers, plumbers, and building laborers. These will be indicated in the following list by these initials: B, C, E, P, PL, PB, and L. Those figures with an asterisk (*) after them represent an increase in rates between Oct. 2, 1950 and Jan. 3, 1951.

Albuquerque: B \$3, C \$2.25, E \$2.375, P \$2, PL \$2.50, PB \$2.75, L \$1.35*.

Dallas: B \$3.125, C \$2.25, E \$2.125, PL \$3.125, PB \$2.50, L \$1.20.

Denver: B \$3, C \$2.35, E \$2.125, PL \$3, PB \$2.40, L \$1.50.

El Paso: B \$2.75*, C \$2.25*, E \$2.50, P \$1.75, PL \$2.25, PB \$2.50, L 95c.

Houston: B \$2.875*, C \$2.25*, E \$2.625*, P \$2.125, PL \$2.75, PB \$2.50*, L \$1.325*.

Kansas City: B \$2.65, C \$2.20, E \$2.55*, P \$2.15*, PL \$2.80, PB \$2.575, L \$1.625.

Los Angeles: B \$2.75, C \$2.35*, E \$2.625, P \$2.38, PL \$3.125, PB \$2.625, L \$1.75*.

Oakland: B \$3.15*, C \$2.375, E \$2.60*, P \$2.275, PL \$3.167*, PB \$2.625, L \$1.65*.

Phoenix: B \$3, C \$2.275*, E \$2.45, P \$2.195*, PL \$3, PB \$2.50, L \$1.625*.

Portland: B \$3*, C \$2.25*, E \$2.50*, P \$2.25*, PL \$2.75*, PB \$2.50, L \$1.75*.

Salt Lake: B \$2.75, C \$2*, E \$2.30, P \$2, PL \$2.625*, PB \$2.20, L \$1.45*.

San Antone: B \$3, C \$2.125, E \$2.375, P \$2*, PL \$2.75, PB \$2.50, L 97c.

San Diego: B \$2.75, C \$2.35*, E \$2.625, P \$2.225, PL \$3.125, PB \$2.625, L \$1.75*.

San Francisco: B \$3.25, C \$2.375, E \$2.75*, P \$2.275, PL \$3, PB \$2.75*, L \$1.65*.

Santa Fe: B \$3, C \$2.25*, E \$2.25, P \$2, PL \$2.50, PB \$2.50, L \$1.30.

Seattle: B \$3, C \$2.30*, E \$2.50, P \$2.30*, PL \$3*, PB \$2.75, L \$1.90*.

Spokane: B \$3, C \$2.20, E \$2.50*, P \$2.20, PL \$3*, PB \$2.50, L \$2*.

Boss Picket Coffee
In New York City, 600 striking members of the United Pencil Workers picketed the world's largest pencil manufacturer, the Eagle Pencil Co., and were startled at receiving thermos bottles of hot coffee while they were tramping through snow and freezing weather. They welcomed the coffee until they learned it came from their strike-bound boss, who produced the coffee with the help of scab workers in the company cafeteria.

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Metal Trades Hit Atom Rent Hikes

Washington (LPA) — The proposed rent boosts at the Oak Ridge, Tenn., and Hanford, Wash., atomic energy plants have been protested by J. A. Brownlow, president of AFL Metal Trades Department. He has written to Sen. Brien McMahon, chairman of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, asking for a meeting to discuss the matter, or for a chance to appear before the Committee.

Brownlow wrote that the proposed rent boosts violate the spirit of Congressional action in limiting rent increases, and are contrary to agency orders limiting price and wage increases. The resulting agitation among union members, Brownlow wrote "cannot be beneficial to the interests of the Atomic Energy Commission or production in these plants." Brownlow said it was incongruous to have the gov-

ernment freeze the workers' wages "while in turn, the same government, as their landlord, increases their rents."

AFL Barbers Vote to Return to 6-Day Week

Portland, Ore. (LPA)—AFL barbers have voted to return to a 6-day week. CIO barbers are already on the six-day schedule. To go back to the 48-hour week under the wage freeze, they have to get permission from the government. The barbers work on commissions, they explained, and can make more money with the longer week.

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In Union Circles

C. T. McDonough, international representative for culinary workers and bartenders was due in Salinas on official business early this week. He was expected to visit both Culinary Alliance 467 and Bartenders 545 during his visit.

Carl Lara, former president of the Central Labor Council at Salinas and former financial secretary of Painters Union 1104, is said to be coming back to the Salinas area. Lara now is an organizer under the American Federation of Labor for the National Farm Labor Union.

Monterey Peninsula Electricians Joint Apprentice committee has elected A. Edel, chairman, and Paul A. Day, secretary.

Salinas Valley Electricians JAC has elected W. K. Ward as chairman and M. M. Mount as secretary.

Recent stormy weather has kept fishing boats in port and has prevented any cannery activity along Monterey's fish cannery section. Union officials said none of the plants have announced summer plans but that some activity was expected shortly.

Culinary Alliance 467 held a routine meeting last week. Secretary Bertha A. Boles reported a low attendance, due to stormy and cold weather, and said little of importance was brought before the group.

Union Butcher Killed in Crash

Mike Greco, member of Butchers Union 506, Stanislaus Division, was killed in a terrific automobile crash near King City last week—two children and his wife also badly hurt. Four other persons were killed in the crash, it was reported.

Union officials said Bro. Greco had been a member of Local 506 for many years and was well known in Monterey and Santa Clara counties.

An ironic sidelight of the death is the fact that on February 2, just 20 days before the fatal crash, he had exercised his rights as an employer to cancel his union insurance policy. Had he remained under the insurance program his survivors would have received a \$10,000 insurance payment. As it was, the family will receive a \$2000 death benefit from Local 506 and an additional \$400 from the international union.

Bauer Under Knife

Kaspar Bauer, formerly prominent in Santa Cruz labor circles and widely known throughout California, underwent a major operation in Berkeley recently and will be confined to his home near Felton for some time more, it was reported this week. Bauer is former president of Santa Cruz Labor Council and recently retired as secretary-business agent of Santa Cruz Butchers Union 266.

Plight of Poor

The Census Bureau reported on Feb. 17 that in 1949 about 10 million American families had incomes of less than \$2,000. Five million families made less than \$1,000.

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Farm Laborers Anti-Communist Help Offered

Aid to growers in preventing Communist agents from coming into the area as "wetbacks" was offered by Salinas Local 296 of the National Farm Labor Union (AFL) in a resolution adopted unanimously by the local's executive board. The union pointed to recent newspaper articles which

reported Communists coming across the border among the illegals, and called on growers to adopt a policy of refusing to hire illegal aliens. The text of the resolution, released by Local 296 Sec. Angel Calderon, follows:

"Whereas, articles in the Los Angeles Daily News made clear that some Communist agents are coming into the United States along with the thousands of 'wetbacks' who enter illegally each week, and

"Whereas, there is evidence that unions expelled from the CIO for Commie leanings are now attempting to come into agriculture to confuse and exploit the legitimate aspirations of the workers, and

"Whereas, the director of the U.S. Immigration Service for the Southern California district has declared that 'as long as wetbacks are given jobs they will keep on coming,' and

"Whereas, numerous wetbacks are now employed on ranches in this area, now

"Therefore be it resolved that we offer to all growers in this area our aid in supplying local skilled workers, pledged to support of democratic principles, since our union, the NFLU-AFL, does not admit Communists into membership, and also offer our aid in the identification of illegals, and

"Be it further resolved that we

Maybank Criticizes Chamber in Asking For Housing Delay

Delay, delay, delay. That's the by-word of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. Its latest request for delay came February 14 when it urged Congress to delay action on the Administration's defense housing program.

Norman Mason of the chamber's Committee on Construction, told the Senate Banking Committee it should wait for "further clarification of defense housing needs."

Chairman Burnet Maybank (D. S. C.), jumped to his feet and answered:

"I wish that when the Chamber of Commerce comes before this committee it would suggest something advantageous for the country, and not always delay, delay, delay."

Maybank said that in delaying the program "we help only one person—that is the fellow who lives in Moscow."

The proposed housing bill would authorize \$3 billion for Federal insurance of private construction, most of it for defense areas. It also would furnish \$125 million to pay for housing which private industry could not provide.

Boy Scouts of Woodland visit every home with a pledge that the householder has cleared his house of all rubbish, has first aid kit and has read "Survival Under Atomic Attack". They return several days later to pick up signed pledges.

Medical Aid Bill Answers Need for More Physicians

Year by year America's doctor shortage is going to get worse and worse—unless something is done about it now.

Dr. Howard Rusk, chairman of the Health Resources Advisory Committee to the National Security Resources Board, pointed this out February 12.

Dr. Rusk said that there now are 178,000 doctors in the U. S. By 1954 about 210,600 will be needed. But if medical schools continue to graduate only 6,000 doctors a year, as they do now, there will be only 188,600 doctors in the country four years from now. That means a shortage of 22,000.

Dr. Rusk's talk in Chicago to the Congress on Medical Education and Licensure shows why Congress must pass the bill to help medical schools.

The Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee has approved it. Last year the Senate passed a similar bill but it was killed in the House by the American Medical Association (AMA).

Under the proposed legislation, the Federal Government would give money to medical schools so they could train more doctors. Control of the medical schools would remain in state and local hands.

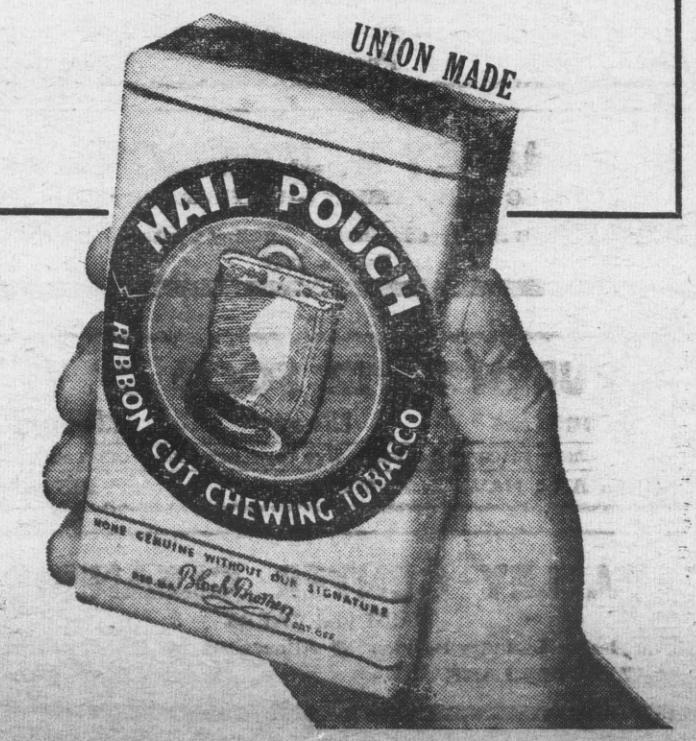
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Temo-Backed Scouts Gain High Standing

Boy Scout Troop 9, sponsored by General Teamsters Union 890 of Monterey County, has gained a high standing in the Salinas area for ability in competitions and for the high caliber of boys who are a part of the organization, Union Secretary Peter A. Andrade reports.

The troop has its own Scout House, which includes a large meeting room, kitchen, four patrol

PRIVATE BUILDER WILL SING BLUES OVER PRIORITIES

When the "controlled materials plan" is fully put into operation within a few months, the contractor in the private building field who does not have a priority will be behind the 8-ball.

This was the statement of Frank R. Creedon, head of the NPA Facilities and Construction Bureau, in an address in Boston this week. Creedon was speaking to the 32nd convention of the Associated General Contractors.

Creedon declared that the material curbs being planned are drastic, but essential, for about one-sixth of the economy will shortly be devoted to military purposes.

He added that it might be 1953 before increased productive capacity of metals would make possible abandonment of controls on construction.

rooms, and toilet facilities. The troop flag bears the insignia of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and of Local 890.

Andrade explains the troop activities somewhat in the following report:

"Following is a brief history of Scout Troop 9, International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 890: On October 1, 1950, the charter was granted with 18 boys, ages ranging from 6 to 14 years. The present enrollment is 30 boys with merits as follows:

13 boys, 2 merit badges (Personal Health); 6 boys, 3 merit badges (Same as above plus Cooking); 9 boys, 4 merit badges (Same as above plus First Aid); 1 boy, 5 merit badges (Personal Health; Public Health; First Aid; Journalism; Safety); 1 boy, 10 merit badges (Personal Health; Public Health; Swimming; Life Saving; Safety; Forestry; Athletics; Carpentry; Cooking; First Aid).

"At the present time we have 10 first class Scouts, 2 Star Scouts and 12 second class Scouts. This group is completely equipped and is sponsored entirely by this Local Union.

"This Troop has received wide acclaim in the County for its many activities and accomplishments in contests recently held. Our Scout Master, Russell Abbott, who is a member of our Union, has done a very good job in organizing the troop and in educating them on Scout duties to the end that they have been recognized as one of the finest Troops in the entire Monterey Bay Area district. Our Troop is entirely equipped for all types of

activities and some of the plans for the summer are as follows:

"Spend two weeks in the open, walking to Big Sur which is located 60 miles from Salinas. They intend to walk the entire distance thru the mountains to the Big Sur Boy Scout Camp and then spend a week there. They are going to have a father and son nite sometime in February. Many other activities are planned for this Troop."

Bldg. Trades In Defense Repair Units

New York.—The AFL building and construction workers in this city's five boroughs are enlisting in the civilian air raid defense program, where their unique skills will be utilized to save lives in case of enemy bombing.

Of the city's 150,000 construction workers affiliated with the AFL Building Trades and Construction Council, a minimum of 20,000 have been called for to man light duty rescue teams ready to roll 'round-the-clock to the scene of disaster.

The city's air raid warden service will supply 202 fully-equipped trucks for an equivalent number of defense zones. The AFL unions are going to supply the skilled manpower.

Each rescue team will include 10 men—electrician, plumber, acetylene burner, carpenter, mason bricklayer, iron worker, operating engineer, rigger, and chauffeur—who know what to do about dangling live wires, steam lines, damaged plumbing, wrecked structures.

Howard McSpedon, president of the AFL council, has been appointed citywide coordinator, with John J. Brennan, council secretary, as his deputy.

Under McSpedon are five borough commanders who will organize the construction workers in the defense sectors. The commanders are: Asst. Bus. Mgr. John J. Kapp, Electrical Workers Local 3; Bus. Agt. August J. Keenan, of the Steamfitters; Bus. Agt. Michael A. Rizzo, Wood Lathers Local 308; Bus. Rep. Dominick Aronna, of Bricklayers Local 41; and Bus. Rep. Kenneth Hannan, of Bricklayers Local 21.

The program was announced at a meeting of all the New York building trades unions, at which the AFL officials announced a full-scale recruiting drive. Already 1,300 men have signed up.

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Oil Business Gets Palms Greased

"If Congress is going to tax the poor man's beer to help pay for our common defense program why doesn't it tax the rich man's oil?" asked Washington Columnist Tom Stokes February 7.

Stokes says the question answers itself—"if you know Congress."

"Oil occupies a privileged position," Stokes continues. "It speaks louder to many of your representatives than you do. It has the single most powerful lobby operating here."

"The oil tax issue is embodied in a provision of our tax laws permitting oil companies to write off 27½ per cent of their gross income here."

Santa Clara County has enrolled 800 registered nurses for disaster relief.

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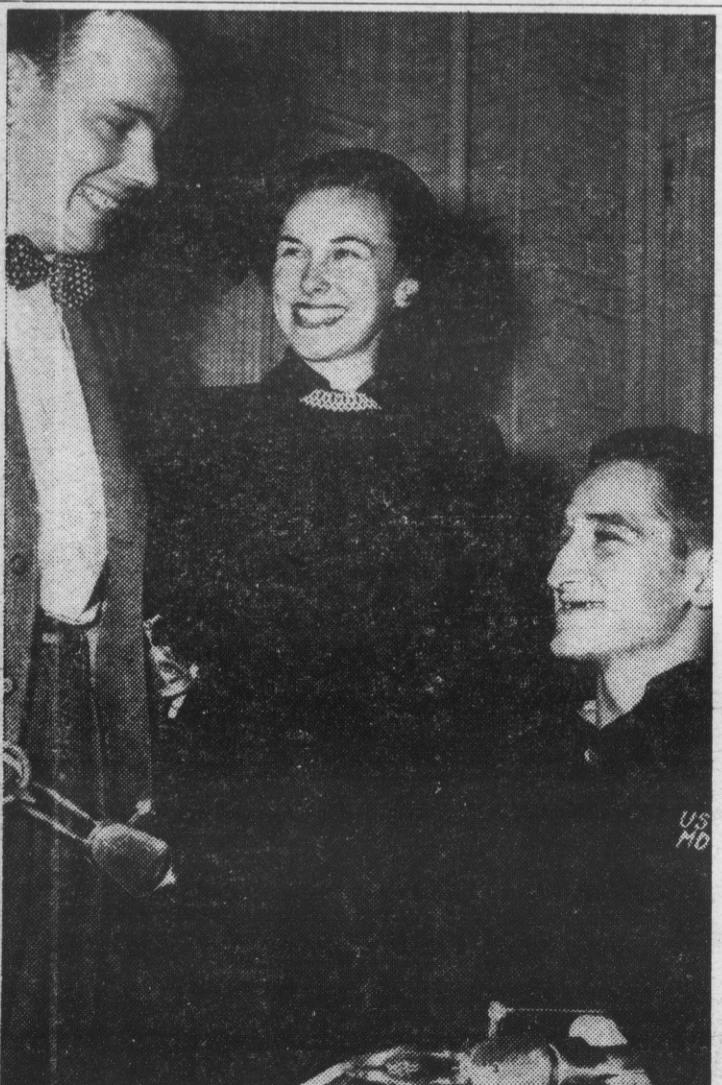
WELCOME AUSTRIAN EDITORS—AFL Pres. Wm. Green, center, welcomes Karl Ausch, left, economics editor of *Arbeiter Zeitung*, the "Workers News Paper", largest daily in Austria, and Ernst Lakenbacher, editor press service of the Chamber of Labor, Vienna. They were with team from Vienna labor editors who made 6-weeks study of U.W. productivity.



PLEDGE TRUCKERS' SUPPORT—Dave Beck (center) executive vice-pres. AFL Teamsters and chairman of newly-formed labor-management Trucking Industry National Defense Committee, with Leslie C. Allman, (right) pres. of Truck-Trailer Mfrs. Assn., pledge full cooperation of the industry to Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston.



SWEET MUSIC—This harmonious quartet at the wage conference in Chicago of Amalgamated Meat Cutters & Butcher Workmen-AFL is left to right: Vince LoCasale, secretary local 195; Fred Rauser, president 195; Earl W. Jimerson, president, and Patrick E. Gorman, secretary-treasurer. LoCasale and Rauser presented the international officers with a check for \$6962, the largest monthly dues check for one local in the history of the union. (LPA)



LET'S SHAKE ON THAT—James Wilson (left), 26, quadruple amputee of World War II exchanges a "hook" shake and a big smile with Pvt. Robert L. Smith at Washington's Walter Reed Hospital. Smith, 20, lost all four limbs as a result of wounds and frostbite suffered in Korea. Smiling with them is Mrs. Wilson. The couple was flown from the military from Colorado, where Wilson is now studying law, to show Smith what can be done under such a handicap. (LPA)

Carp. Apprentice Committee Meets In Salinas Thurs.

Bi-monthly meeting of the Salinas Valley Carpenter Joint Apprenticeship Committee will be held at Carpenters Hall, 422 North Main St., Salinas, at 8 p.m. Thursday (Mar. 8).

Business Agent Harvey Baldwin, of Local 925, said that several important matters would be handled at the meeting. Baldwin, however, will be unable to attend the meeting due to a contract conference in Berkeley at which he must be present, he said.

Earle H. Meyer, state representative for the apprenticeship training program, will present the business matters for the committee, which is composed of contractors and union representatives.

STORES CLOSE, UNIONS SEEK \$13,427 PAY

Claims for \$13,427 said due in back wages from three grocery stores and markets which have been ordered closed and sold have been filed with the State Labor Commission by three unions involved, it was disclosed last week.

Closed were the Thrift Food Store, in Watsonville; Lincoln Glen Market and Tasty Food Store, both in San Jose, all units operated by C. F. Anderson. The San Francisco Board of Trade is handling sale of the properties.

Highest claim filed was for \$10,197.97, filed by Retail Clerks Union 428 in behalf of six clerks. Butchers Union 506, in behalf of three butchers, one in each store, and Retail Clerks Union 839 of Salinas, in behalf of three clerks, seek \$3,229.61.

Bus. Agt. Garold F. Miller of Local 839 said that vacation pay due had not been included in this union's claim, which is about \$1,000.

Hearings on the claims were scheduled early this week in offices of State Deputy Labor Commissioner William J. Walls.

Plumber Agents Visit in Salinas

General Organizer Archie Virtue, accompanied by four business agents of local unions of the state, visited last week's meetings of Salinas Plumbers & Steamfitters Union 503, according to Secretary-Business Agent E. R. Arbuckle.

Present were Dan MacDonald, secretary-business agent of San Jose Local 393 and president of the California Pipe Trades Council; Robert Wertz, of San Mateo Local 467; Sid Connors, of Vallejo, and Paul Reeves, of Fresno.

Cement Mason Chiefs Attend San Jose Meet

Business Agent B. G. Burgner and W. F. O'Hanlon represented Salinas Plasterers and Cement Masons Union 763 at last Saturday's meeting in San Jose of the Northern California District Council of the crafts. Monterey Local 337 was represented by Secretary Joe Mondragon.

Burgner reported conditions good for plasterers and finishers in the Salinas area, although several members of the union are out of work. Most activity is at the prison job in Soledad and on the P.G. & E. job at Moss Landing. When the new memorial hospital in Salinas gets further underway, the unemployment of union masons should be eliminated, he added.

WELL?

In New York City, the Communist Daily Worker filled its sports pages with fervent declarations that bribery and corruption in basketball should not be punished because American capitalism is based on bribery and corruption.

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MONTEREY UNION CARPENTER DIES

Richard V. Palacio, member of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323 for the past five years, passed away last week in a hospital where he had been confined for some time

following an accident. He was 34.

Union officials said he leaves his wife, four children, eight brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held last Friday in Monterey, pall bearers including Union Business Agent Thomas Eide.

BUILDERS BUSY AT MONTEREY

Monterey building tradesmen are finding more work these days despite adverse weather and the future outlook is bright, according to S. M. Thomas, business agent of Laborers Union 690 and of other crafts.

Thomas said various projects underway are continuing on schedule and said the several new projects will provide much-needed employment for many building craftsmen.

Contract for Pacific Grove High School work was awarded to Lemke Construction Co. of Las Vegas, work to start soon. Contractor E. C. Geyer of Monterey was low bidder for the new Monterey Library and contract award is expected soon. Materials are being stockpiled for the Monterey Sewer District project, Barrett & Hilp of San Francisco as general contractor.

Clerks Picketing Kip Market Again; Meeting Next Week

Charging violating of a verbal agreement, Retail Clerks Union 839 has resumed picketing of Kip's Food Center in Carmel, according to Business Agent Garold L. Miller of the union.

Miller said the store management agreed to negotiate if pickets were removed some time ago but that conferences failed to reach any contract, and the union ordered pickets returned.

Quarterly meeting of the membership of Retail Clerks Union 839 of Santa Cruz and Monterey counties will be held Wednesday, March 14, at the Women's City Club in Salinas, Miller announced.

Local 839 is continuing its boycott of the Grayson Store in the Valley Center shopping area in support of the strike by union clerks in Los Angeles against Grayson, Miller added.

Spokesmen said that progress was being made on the formation of the joint association and in details concerning the title. Because of government regulations and material shortages no consideration of construction of a new building is possible, it was explained.

Mason Tender Pact Studied

Representatives of plasterer and cement mason unions and of laborers in Salinas, Santa Cruz and Monterey were to meet in Monterey last Saturday. Members of these unions employed as plaster tenders, brick mason tenders or tile tenders were to be present also, in an effort to work out an area-wide agreement.

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